

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV .. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable television and can offer more programming choices and, most importantly, all local TV channels in every market in the U.S. By providing local TV channels everywhere, this merger will make satellite television a strong alternative to cable in our community. Throughout the country, people will now be able to turn to satellite TV to access their local news, weather and community information, in addition to a comprehensive package of national video programming. But just as exciting, the merger will bring the availability of affordable high-speed Internet service by satellite to over 40 million Americans who don't have high-speed Internet access. These tremendous benefits to consumers won't happen without the merger. Satellite-delivered Internet service will bring an affordable and competitive alternative to cable modems and DSL to consumers in big cities, small towns and rural areas alike. This will give me a competitive choice for Internet access and will be especially advantageous to rural communities where cable modems and DSL are not likely to be available anytime in the near future.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger. thank you, we want baltimore locals on satellite tv! so lets get with it this is the greatest nation in the world ,prove it to me as i have gone to the polls to elect you and i go again in nov and i will remember how you voted on this important domestic issue. we throw away millions of dollars on overseas crap. this issue is truly american and needs to be approved to keep the balance in check for the cable monopoly not to have the upper hand and to keep prices fair as we all go to work to earn money to pay tv providers and how i choose to spend my money is an american ideal so please let me exercise my freedom of choice as to whom i give my dollars to as to television providers, thank you on this very important issue and lets not haggle it out for two years either as we are watching you as to what you do.

Sincerely,

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